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SUBJ: SPARTELY ISLAND EXPEDITION RETURNS TO MR 3

HEREWITH REPEAT OF AMCONSUL MSG 307 FOR YOUR ACTION AND INFO QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L BIEN HOA 0307

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SUBJ: SPARTELY ISLAND EXPEDITION RETURNS TO MR 3

REF: BIEN HOA 273 AND 269

1. WE HAVE REPORT FROM MR 3 SOURCE THAT MILITARY CONTINGENT WHICH MADE TRIP TO SPRATELY ISLAND CHAIN (REFTELS) RETURNED BEIN HOA EARLIER THIS WEEK. SOURCE TOLD US LANDING AND STAY ON ISLAND WERE WITHOUT INCIDENT. ONLY DISTURBING FACTOR WAS PRESENCE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC) FLAG IN SPOT WHERE EARLIER GVN EXPEDITION HAD PLACED GVN FLAG.

2. ALTHOUGH IT MAY SOUND FAR-FETCHED, SOURCE REPORTED BINH TAY PROVINCE HAS BEEN SELECTED TO ORGANIZE TERRITORIAL FORCE (RF) CONTINGENT FOR ASSIGNMENT TO ISLAND AS OCCUPATION FORCE.

3. LEADER OF EXPEDITION CURRENTLY WORKING ON REPORT, COPY OF WHICH IS PROMISED TO US.

4. COMMENT: IF GVN NOW EXPERIENCING MORALE PROBLEM WITH TROOPS,
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WE CAN JUST IMAGINE REACTION OF RF ELEMENT IF AND WHEN IT ARRIVES

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